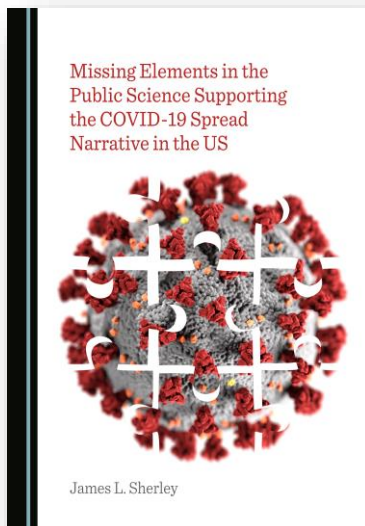


Missing Elements in the Public Science Supporting the COVID-19 Spread Narrative in the US

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Book Description

This book takes a different kind of critical look at the COVID-19 crisis in the US, exploring the growing concern that the response to COVID-19 in the nation is greatly out of proportion to the actual level of disease threat. The important corollary to this concern is that much of the pain and suffering that Americans now endure might be reduced or ended by achieving a response level that is more appropriate to the threat level. The book provides readers with knowledge that will allow them to better assess the main factor that is driving the excessive response level, postulated here as the manner in which public COVID science has been misrepresented by government officials and the US news media.

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A Word from the Author

The initial inspiration for *Missing Elements in the Public Science Supporting the COVID-19 Spread Narrative in the US* was my concern over the content and nature of my conversations with family, friends, and professional colleagues about COVID in the U.S. The fear and worry that many of them were experiencing was the result of their reliance on what they heard and read in the news media and the pronouncements of government officials, both elected representatives and appointed authorities. Most concerning was the manner in which they accepted and replayed the COVID spread narrative and resisted any balancing analyses, even from a trusted friend with expertise in epidemiology, based on my research and teaching as a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I recognized that the same unwarranted distressing hysteria was occurring nationwide. I wrote *Missing Elements...* to ease the fears of Americans, like my own family and friends, by providing them information currently missing from public COVID science in the U.S., which if known and understood would improve the public COVID response and, more importantly, the lives of many Americans trying to cope with it.

Missing Elements... is different than other critiques of COVID science and government COVID response policies. It does not spend pages and pages arguing whether or not the now vast assemblage of COVID public health information is “true.” Instead, it very succinctly describes fundamental principles of infectious disease public health analysis that, quite remarkably, are missing from the public science of COVID in the U.S. These missing elements raise an important concern for the reliability of much of the reported COVID pandemic science in the U.S.; and they are the basis for *Missing Elements’...* indictment of elected and appointed U.S. government officials and the U.S. news media for a gross dereliction of their duty to responsibly safeguard the health and welfare of Americans.

Missing Elements... provides an introduction to infection disease public health science that will give all readers knowledge that allows them to recognize the scientific fundamentals that are missing from public COVID science in the U.S. This knowledge and understanding will allow readers to appreciate why the absence of these fundamentals is such a telling sign that COVID is not as severe a public health threat as it has been represented by elected representatives, appointed public health officials, and members of the news media. After reading *Missing Elements...*, both scientists and non-scientists will gain a better understanding of public health science, and biomedical science in general, that is a much more accurate representation of the many uncertainties of scientific information that require special respect and consideration in the development of science-based government policies.

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